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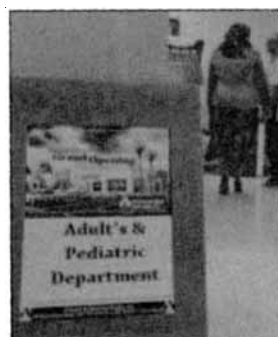
## New clinic opens; \$1M presented

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Residents walked the halls of the newly expanded Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo clinic in El Centro, passing new exam rooms, reception areas and more Friday evening.

The clinic unveiled its expanded adult and pediatric unit and a new Women's Health Care Center at an event where more than \$1 million in federal funding was presented.



People tour the expanded Clinicas facilities Friday in El Centro.

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FROM LEFT: Rep. Bob Filner, D-Chula Vista, his field representative Juanita Salas and Yvonne Bell, chief executive officer of Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, hold checks that represent federal money for the clinics.

A portion of the money was used to move the Women Infant and Children facility next to the clinic, as well as expand the clinic, said Chief Executive Officer Yvonne Bell. They were able to hire on an obstetrics-gynecology physician for the women's portion of the clinic, as well as purchase other needed items.

"What it's going to allow us to do is see more patients," she said.

A second amount of money, \$400,000, is being used at the Brawley clinic, she said.

The new space will allow patients to go through a visit very smoothly and privately, said Phil Shirey, a nurse practitioner in the women's clinic.

"It's a dream," he said. "It's wonderful."

The checks were handed over by Rep. Bob Filner, D-Chula Vista.

The money came from multiple sources, including federal stimulus funding and earmarked appropriations, he said.

"These people like Clinicas are doing so much-needed work," he said. "Getting the money is the easy part."